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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. HOSTAGES RELEASED IN VIENNA

TWO ARAB GUERILLAS FREED UNHARMED FOUR HOSTAGES--THREE
OF THEM SOVIET JEWS BOUND FOR ISRAEL--AND FLEW OUT OF
AUSTRIA FOR AN UNSPECIFIED ARAB DESTINATION. THE
RELEASE OCCURRED AT 0220 LOCAL TIME (2120 EST) AFTER
THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT THE SCHOENAU
PROCESSING CENTER FOR SOVIET REFUGEES WILL BE CLOSED.
(UNCLASSIFIED) UPI 321A, 326A, AND 328A, 9/28 AND
VIENNA 8050 AND STATE 194515, 9/29.

2. ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE: NO SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT

PRIME MINISTER HEATH'S PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT OF
THE FISHERIES DISPUTE HAS ONLY POSTPONED THE SEVERANCE
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BY ICELAND, ACCORDING TO
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EMBASSY REYKJAVIK. ICELAND APPARENTLY WILL NOT COMMIT
ITSELF TO STOP HARASSING BRITISH TRAWLERS AND MAINTAINS
THAT NO NEGOTIATIONS ARE POSSIBLE UNLESS THE BRITISH

WITHDRAW NAVAL UNITS WITHOUT CONDITIONS. EMBASSY

LONDON REPORTS THE BRITISH HAVE NO FRESH IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH ICELAND. (CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 1153 AND LONDON 11175, 9/28.

3. FRENCH NUCLEAR STRATEGY MORE FLEXIBLE?

A QUAI DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS REQUIRED THAT FRANCE DEVELOP A MORE FLEXIBLE STRATEGY. THE OFFICIAL NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FRANCE STILL LOOKS ON NUCLEAR DETERRENCE AS THE ONLY MEANINGFUL DEFENSE AGAINST MAJOR AGGRESSION IN EUROPE AND DOES NOT ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY OF A PROTRACTED CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THESE COMMENTS SUGGEST FRENCH STRATEGIC THINKING IS EVOLVING TOWARD A DOCTRINE LESS STARKLY IN CONTRAST TO US AND NATO STRATEGY. (SECRET) PARIS 25458, 9/28 (LIMDIS).

4. FRANCE WARY ON US APPROACH TO EC

THE ELYSEE DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD A STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE US DRAFT "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" BECAUSE TO ACCEPT ITS "RESTRAINING FRAMEWORK" WOULD PUT A SIGNATORY IN A SUBMISSIVE POSITION. THE ADVISOR FELT THAT THE US ATLANTIC CHARTER NOTION SEEMED TO REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT TO REASSERT "CONTROL" OVER ITS ALLIES' EFFORTS TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST WORLD, AN ATTEMPT FRANCE WOULD NOT ALLOW. (SECRET) PARIS 25556, 9/28 (EXDIS).

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5. MONEY: THE UK AND THE EC

EMBASSY LONDON CITES LONDON PRESS REPORTS THAT CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER BARBER HAS TOLD HIS EC COLLEAGUES IN NAIROBI THAT BRITAIN WILL NOT REJOIN THE EC SNAKE NOR REPEG STERLING IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS BEFORE JULY 1974. BARBER DOES NOT EXPECT BRITAIN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS TO BE STRONG ENOUGH FOR SUCH A MOVE BEFORE THEN. (UNCLASSIFIED) LONDON 11163, 9/28.

6. A FRENCH VIEW OF CHINA

DISCUSSING PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S RECENT TRIP TO CHINA, FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE DE LIPKOWSKI DISCUSSED THE CHINESE OBSESSION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND REMARKED THAT THE CHINESE FEARS OF SOVIET EXPANSION AND AGGRESSION WERE AT LEAST PARTLY GENUINE. DE LIPKOWSKI COMMENTED ON THE HEAVY CHINESE EMPHASIS

ON CAMBODIA DURING THE TRIP AND AT ONE POINT URGED US TO AVOID GIVING THE CHINESE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD BEEN USED BY THE US TO EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM VIETNAM. (SECRET) PARIS 25541, 9/28 (EXDIS).

7. SOVIETS CAUTIOUSLY POSITIVE ON CAIRO SUMMIT

SPARSE SOVIET MEDIA COMMENT HAS TAKEN A GENERALLY FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE RECENT EGYPT-SYRIA-JORDAN SUMMIT IN CAIRO. EMBASSY MOSCOW FEELS THAT THIS POSITIVE PORTRAYAL OF THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT APPEARS INTENDED TO ENDORSE CLOSER TIES BETWEEN EGYPT AND HER EASTERN NEIGHBORS AND TO STRENGTHEN PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS WHO FAVOR ACCOMMODATION WITH JORDAN. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 1187, 9/28.

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8. PERU LIKELY TO EXPROPRIATE CERRO IN NEAR FUTURE

EMBASSY LIMA BELIEVES THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO EXPROPRIATE CERRO DE PASCO CORPORATION ASSETS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 3. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED THE DOOR ON THE CERRO ISSUE, THERE ARE FEW REAL COUNTER-PRESSURES FORESTALLING EXPROPRIATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) LIMA 7220, 9/28 (LIMDIS). KISSINGER

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